

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE TUSCOLA TOWNSHIP BOARD HELD ON TUESDAY,
FEBRUARY 17, 2015, AT 1:00 P.M.**

The meeting was brought to order by the Supervisor, Tod Fackler, at 1:00 p.m.

Trustees present: Hicks, Fackler, Verbeek, Olson and Blasius.

Olson made a motion to approve the January minutes and this motion was seconded by Verbeek. Carried.

Commissioner Craig Kirkpatrick was present and reminded the board of the upcoming election on February 24, 2015. He also stated that a Public Hearing will be held on February 24, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. at the Tuscola County Road Commission regarding the spending of the grant monies to remove fixed objects in the road right of way on primary roads.

Hicks reported that Rob Eggers from Spicer Group has been working with the Planning Commission with regards to the Master Plan. A Master Plan survey is being drafted to have available for residents to complete. The surveys will be available on line, at the hall and upon request can be mailed to residents. Hicks also reported that the pancake supper to benefit the Tuscola Softball Program will be held on March 6th, at the American Legion Hall.

Verbeek reported that a Public Hearing will be held on March 4, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public comments concerning the proposed river walk project grant. The grant will be for \$50,000 and Tonya Moore from Spicer Group will be present to answer any questions.

Fackler stated that the VAAS minutes for the December 18, 2014, meeting are on file for review.

The Zoning Administrator, Tom Asperger, distributed the Zoning Administrator's Report for February. He reported that five permits had been issued in the past 30 days.

Fackler reported that our attorney will be contacting the attorney who is representing the owners of the blight located on Sohn Rd. concerning the status of the issued insurance check.

Fackler stated that an Agreement for Valuation Services had been signed on January 26, 2015, with Michael J. Keenan, MAI, for the purpose of applying for a grant to purchase the land that is contiguous with the canoe launch.

Nuechterlein Electric submitted a bid of \$1950.00 for providing and installing one Environmental Potentials 2500 unit on the main panel. This would protect all electrical equipment against surges and spikes. It was the consensus of the board that this can be done under general maintenance.

Fackler suggested the township needs a policy for persons desiring to attend training classes. After some discussion, it was decided to prepare a sample policy to review at the March meeting and possibly have it ready for adoption at the April meeting.

Fackler read the engraving of a Civil War veteran's grave stone that had been traced by his son for a college project. The township is determining what procedures to follow to preserve the information located on these older stones.

Kirkpatrick inquired about the GIS process and Fackler reported that our township should be close to completion.

The Tuscola Township Budget Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 17, 2015, at 12:30 p.m. followed by the Land Acquisition Grant Public Hearing at 1:00 p.m. This hearing will be followed by the regular meeting of the Tuscola Township Board.

The proposed Zoning Administrator's salary will be increased \$500.00, from \$8,000 to \$8,500.

Bills were presented in the amount of \$12,088.17. Olson made a motion to approve these bills for payment and this motion was seconded by Blasius.

Roll Call: Yes-Verbeek, Olson, Hicks, Blasius and Fackler.

This meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Blasius, Clerk

Tod Fackler, Supervisor